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Cite Nos. F1 through F5, as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2005/005819, of which the presently submitted patent application is to be the National Stage. These references are not in English.

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Furthermore, Cite No. F1 is cited in paragraph [0008], and discussed in paragraphs [0004] through [0007] in the Background Art section of the present specification. Also, attached to the back of Cite No. F1 are U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0172963, and European Pat. App. Pub. No. EP 1 336 436, English documents that are patent application family members corresponding to Cite No. F1.

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